

**Petition from students at Lane High School, Charlottesville, to  
Reopen, September 1958**

The Honorable J. Lindsay Almond, Jr.,  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Honorable Sir:

We, the undersigned students of Lane High School, in the City of Charlottesville, respectfully request that our public high school be opened.

We understand that according to the Virginia Constitution we young people are assured public education. We know that recent state legislation authorizes you to close schools which are ordered to integrate; but, we have been under the impression that schools so closed were to be reopened by you at once as state public schools.

If this action cannot be taken, we hope that control of our school will be returned to the authority of our school board, and that that board be asked to find ways to open and operate the school on a public basis.

We again respectfully request that you take action so that we may attend Lane High School without further impairment to our year's schooling.

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